

SENATE BILL 3994
By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Chapter 77 of the Private Acts of 1977; as amended by Chapter 285 of the Private Acts of 1978; Chapter 78 of the Private Acts of 1979 and Chapter 110 of the Private Acts of 1987; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to elections in the town of Eagleville.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 77 of the Private Acts of 1977; as amended by Chapter 285 of the Private Acts of 1978; Chapter 78 of the Private Acts of 1979; Chapter 110 of the Private Acts of 1987; and any acts amendatory thereto, is amended in Article IV as follows:

(a) Section 14 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 14. Town Elections.

The three council members elected in the general town election held on April 20, 2004, shall have their term of office extended until their successors are elected in the general town election held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November 2008. The three council members elected in the general town election held on April 18, 2006, shall have their term of office extended until their successors are elected in the general town election held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November 2010.

All town elections thereafter shall be held in conjunction with the November general state elections that fall on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of even-numbered years. The term of office for council members is four (4) years. All elections shall be

conducted by the commissioners of elections of Rutherford County in accordance with the general election laws of the state and this charter.

The number of candidates to be elected at any such election receiving the highest number of ballots cast at such election shall be deemed elected to the office of member of the council. The town shall pay the expenses and costs of any such election.

(b) Section 15 shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Section 15. Election of the mayor and duties generally.

The mayor elected in the general town election held on April 18, 2006, shall have his or her term of office extended until his or her successor is elected in the general town election held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November 2010.

On the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November 2010, and on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November every four (4) years thereafter at the regular election held for the election of council members for the town, there shall be held an election for the purpose of electing the mayor of said town. Candidates for the office of mayor of the town shall be nominated as are council members and the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected mayor and receive certification of election accordingly. The qualifications for a candidate for the office of mayor are the same as for a candidate for the office of a member of the city council and the person elected mayor shall take office at the same time duly elected council members take office.

The term of office of mayor is four (4) years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. The mayor shall qualify by taking the same oath of office and giving the same bond required of council members.

It is the duty of the mayor to preside at all meetings of the council, to represent the town in all ceremonial functions, to receive guests of the town, and to generally perform the duties appertaining to his said office. The mayor is specifically empowered and directed to discharge all duties provided by the town's charter, ordinances and resolutions.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Eagleville. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of Eagleville and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.